

## Severe Weather— Work With Your School For Student Safety



Occasionally, severe weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board to cancel transportation and close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or, if conditions become severe, during the school day. To ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff during school hours, the Board ***Severe Weather Procedures*** will guide decisions and operations.

The safety and welfare of students is a shared responsibility. It is important for everyone to understand how the Board operates under unusual weather conditions. Parents and guardians should familiarize themselves with the procedures and communication plan to ensure the safety of their children.

### **Keep Your Child Safe**

In the event of severe or rapidly deteriorating weather conditions, please keep children at home if possible.

### **Decision to Close Schools**

The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education.

### **Listen to the Radio or Television for School Closures and Cancellation of Transportation Services Before the Opening of Schools**



School closures or transportation cancellation of transportation services will be announced from 6:30 a.m. onward on the following stations/web sites:

<b>AM</b>	<b>CFRB 1010</b>
	<b>FAN 590</b>
	<b>CHUM 1050</b>
	<b>CFTR 680</b>
	<b>AM 640</b>
<b>FM</b>	<b>CBC 99.1</b>
	<b>CHFI 98.1</b>
	<b>VIRGIN 99.9</b>
	<b>CHUM 104.5</b>
	<b>JACK 92.5</b>
	<b>CFNY 102.1</b>
	<b>Q107</b>
	<b>Z 103.5</b>
	<b>FLOW 93.5</b>
	<b>EZ ROCK 97.3</b>

**TV**            **The Weather Network**  
**CP24**  
**Global TV**  
**CTV**  
**CITY-TV**  
**OMNI**  
**ROGERS**

**.COM**        **www.globaltv.com**  
**www.thestar.com**  
**www.cp24.com**  
**www.tdsb.on.ca**

### **School Closures or Bus Schedule Changes during the School Day**

Should schools close during the school day or transportation schedules change, announcements will be broadcast on the radio stations above by 12:00 noon. If there is no announcement about school closing before 12:00 noon, schools will remain open for the day.



### **Pick Up Your Child**

Please be prepared to pick up your child or make arrangements for your child, if required, should schools close early or if transportation schedules are advanced.

▪ *Students-JK to Grade 5*

Parents will be notified and suitable arrangements for the child's safety will be made.

▪ *Students- Grades 6 to 12*

Parents are required to designate in writing if the student is to be dismissed

early or to remain at school to be picked up. This form is to be completed in September.

▪ *Students Over 18 Years of Age*

Students over 18 may use their discretion on when to leave.

### **The Principal's Responsibility**

Principals will provide supervision for all students whose parents or guardians have not been contacted or who have not previously indicated in writing their intentions during severe weather conditions.

Students must remain inside the school until they have been picked up.

### **Help Us Reach You**



Please ensure that your child's school has an emergency number where you, or a responsible adult to whom you are willing to entrust the care of your child, can be contacted.

*Questions?*

For questions or additional information, call or e-mail the school.